

Swamp Foxes soar for governor's inauguration

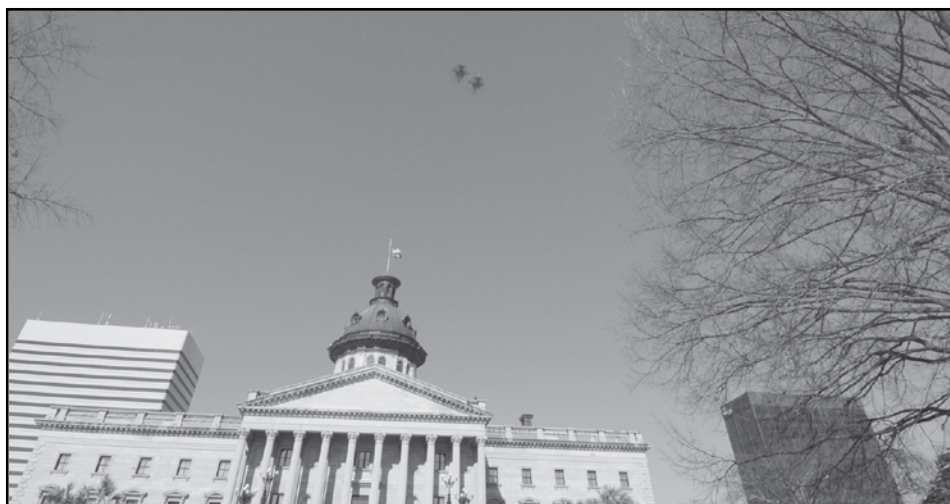
Thousands attending the South Carolina Governor's Inauguration ceremony Jan. 12 were pleasantly surprised when the 169th Fighter Wing soared over the State House. The two-ship flyover immediately followed the swearing in of Governor Nikki Haley.

Despite freezing temperatures and icy conditions, the Swamp Fox team rallied to successfully de-ice aircraft, enabling them to mark the significance of the event. Governor Haley, as the 116th governor for the state and first female governor in S.C., is by constitutional law the Commander-in-Chief of not only the state but also the S.C. National Guard.

The lead pilot for the flyover was Capt. Damon "Otis" Remley with Captain Jerrod "Saltie" Sonderman in the F-16 behind him.

Sonderman said, "It was quite an honor to be a part of an event with such historical significance, we don't often get a chance to do a flyover for an inauguration of a governor."

Sonderman said everyone worked really hard to get the jets ready and that the maintenance crews worked especially hard



(Photo by Master Sgt. Phillip Jones, JFHQ-PA)

to remove ice from the jets.

"It was really a team effort to accomplish this flyover," said Sonderman. "It was also a first for me to fly so low over downtown Columbia that I could see buildings."

Governor Haley glanced toward the sky as the jets were heard approaching the State House, and she smiled as they passed overhead.

"The 169th Fighter Wing was extremely honored to support Governor Haley with the flyover," said Brig. Gen. Scott Williams, Commander 169th Fighter Wing. "While the ice and freezing temperatures were not ideal, as always, the hard work and dedication of our aircrews and pilots accomplished the mission."

(Story by Maj. Cindi King, JFHQ-PA)



Maj. Gen. Spears says farewell in style

Spears takes his final flight in an F-16 as the Adjutant General for the SCNG Jan. 8. Afterward, his wife, Dot, joins him and Brig. Gen. Williams in the Falcon's Nest.

(Photos by MSgt. Marvin Preston, 169FW/PA)



Commander's Corner



by
Lt. Col. Michael Dotson
169th Civil Engineer Squadron
Commander



Are you an agent for change or are you content with the status quo and fixated on old habits? You don't have to look very far to see just how much change is occurring around us: world finances, rogue states, emerging democracies or the shift in the balance of power. Closer to home we continue to experience the positive changes from the Total Force Integration, new missions and the modernization of our base infrastructure. But now I would like to introduce you to a new concept and changing dynamic throughout the Air Force; "Asset management."

Just as each of us manage our own personal assets and portfolios (home, car, investments) with intentions to gain the best possible return on the investment, our base assets must be managed and maintained for maximum payback and sustainability. Asset Management is central to the transformation the AF is undergoing, from a stove-piped approach to an integrated, holistic way of managing our mission activities and the

assets that support them. Changing our culture and implementing new processes will require substantial efforts to reeducate our workforce.

The AF is implementing Asset Management as a transformation initiative to fund current priorities. Air Force senior leadership has determined it will accept risk in infrastructure programs, among others, to modernize and recapitalize our aging airframes lest we "go out of business." Asset Management is a means by which we will transform the management of our holdings to yield maximum value from each asset. It will be accomplished through a corporate approach to managing our assets by enforcing standard levels of service across all bases to ensure costs are visible and impacts are clear, articulating best business practices based on risk and cost to enable sound decision making and ensuring resources are applied to the most urgent Air Force priorities. By standardizing some of our business practices, we will be able to

manage our installations more efficiently and help enable the AF to recapitalize its aircraft inventories.

Resourcing the most pressing needs is responsible stewardship and common sense. Getting accustomed to "standardized levels of service" and common mission support expectations throughout the AF at home station is new. Air Force policy is to own and operate property/facilities needed for assigned mission. Our Airmen don't deserve any less, but our AF cannot afford more. McEntire is a "diamond in the rough" within the entire DOD physical plant portfolio, and we are a fantastic example of utilizing our resources for maximum effect and optimizing our military value. Our senior leaders have done a superb job of exposing and selling this fact. In order to protect this gem, we all must leverage our innovative thinking and find ways to support the mission and the war fighter more effectively and efficiently, because we likely are not getting more people. Remember *efficiency* is the foundation for survival; *effectiveness* is the foundation of success. We must be efficient and effective. Our corporate mission is to "Fly, Fight and Win" and, with the changing world dynamics and national security implications, we must transform to prevent mission failure, because failure is not an option. These practices have proven successful and in time will pay dividends here, but successful Asset Management will require leadership and embracing change at all levels. As in every unit, people will make the difference. I learned long ago that if you take care of the people, the people will take care of the mission.

Speaking of leadership, by the time you read this, we will be within a few short days of our UCI. According to AFI 90-201, leadership and supervision are considered causal factors in inspection deficiencies for three primary reasons: 1) *inadequate leadership/supervision* (insufficient involvement, ineffective decision-making or ineffective process), 2) *work environment* (lacking Equal Opportunity and human relations support or working conditions not conducive to productivity) and 3) *use of resources* (inadequate/incorrect programming and prioritizing of required resources). Can you see a parallel with these factors and Asset Management? Be a leader. Good luck with the UCI, and let's once again demonstrate our Swamp Fox standard of excellence and continue a proud tradition. We can do it!

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Chief's Concerns

Chief Master Sergeant Ronald Bryant, MXG

Well, here it is — another drill in the New Year, and what makes this one so special for me is that it will be my last. Some of the words I am sharing with you in this article are words from retired CMSgt. Cobb who was one of my favorite Senior Enlisted Advisors for the SCANG and also words straight from my heart.

When I enlisted in the SCANG over 37 years ago, my thought was to get in the military, get some education and learn a skill that could help me acquire a good civilian job, finish my first enlistment and then get out. It's amazing how things change! Immediately, I realized the Guard fulfilled my goals, so I decided to put in for a technician position, stay in and make it a career. It was not all smooth flying and problem-free by any means.

I had my share of problems with family conflicts, school conflicts, feeling unappreciated or unneeded, disagreeing with policies and decisions being made, not having enough time to go to schools or study CDC courses. However, I found ways to overcome these obstacles and stayed with the Guard. It was a great decision. I'm glad I made it!

The SCANG and the Active Duty here at

McEntire Joint National Guard Base are a family, and we try to make every member feel a part of that family! Unfortunately, we still lose too many first-term or mid-term members because of problems, conflicts, lack of communication, a perception of unfair treatment, a feeling that policies are not enforced equally and countless other reasons. Most of these could be resolved by open communication and an honest effort to find a workable solution with the chain of command and base support functions.

As a Chief, part of my responsibility is to ensure policies and programs are understood by the enlisted members and to ensure commanders are aware of the needs and problems of the members. I speak with commanders at different times, and I am very confident they have great concern for the morale and welfare of the enlisted force. Each of us will have problems and conflicts. That is just a part of life! But when we do, we should talk to our supervisor, OIC, First Sergeant, training manager or base support personnel to try to work through them.

When I see members who left the Guard or Air Force before they were eligible for retirement, they usually say, "I wish I had stayed in. I would be eligible for retirement



now." Please do not be one of those who makes a hasty decision in a moment of anger or frustration. Stick with it like I did. I am retiring at the end of this month, and I have really enjoyed my career!

Thank you all for your friendship and for your great work that makes this unit the best! Keep pressing on with your career in the SCANG or in the Air Force, and I know for a fact, you will be glad you stuck with it!



Recruiting & Retention

Military Personnel Summary

Strength

Officers:

Authorized	141
Assigned	130
Percent Manned	92.2%

Enlisted:

Authorized	1199
Assigned	1246
Percent Manned	103.9%

Total:

Authorized	1340
Assigned	1376
Percent Manned	102.7%

(as of Jan 6, 2011)

Recruiting/Retention

Gains:

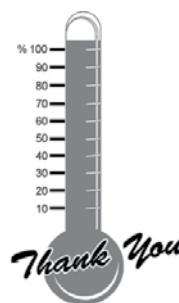
	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Prior	0	9
Non-Prior	0	20
Total	0	29

Losses:

ETS	1	3
Discharge	0	11
Medical	0	0
Resignation	0	3
Retirement	1	9
Transfer	1	11
Other	0	0
Total	3	37
Net Gain/Loss	-3	-8

Recruiting Progress

We're at 102.7 percent!



We must maintain 100% strength through 2010! Recruit & Retain!

There are many positions open for immediate recruiting...

Munitions, Weapons, Crew Chiefs, Life Support, CE, Security Forces and more



Seasonal flu vaccine

The seasonal flu vaccine, which includes the H1N1, is mandatory. Members who received the vaccine from a civilian provider must bring documentation to the Clinic. This is a mandatory vaccine. Members who haven't had it should get it at the Clinic this drill.

Free childcare available

Free childcare for children 6 weeks to 12 years is available at Fort Jackson's Child Development Center for Guard and active duty members for posted drill dates. The CDC is located in base housing next to the Fort Jackson Commissary. Hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, contact Terry DeLille, (803) 647-8089 or e-mail carolyn.delille@ang.af.mil.

Personal weapons policy

No personal weapons of any type, concealed or in plain view, are allowed on property of the S.C. Military and under the jurisdiction of the S.C. Adjutant General. Exceptions are members whose job requires them to carry weapons and who have written permission from the TAG.

ESGR committee wants you

The SCANG Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve Committee seeks volunteers. Contact Lt. Col. Glen Boatwright, (803) 647-8216. Visit <http://scguardnow.net> for information or visit the SCANG ESGR Facebook site.

No trespassing

The Base Firing Range, Bldg. 3320, is for official use only and closed to the public and non-authorized personnel. For more information, contact TSgt. Paul Wallace, 169th SFS, NCOIC, Combat Arms, Bldg. 979, (803) 647-8703.

Scholarship available

The Julie Foudy Leadership Foundation is offering a scholarship to military daughters interested in attending the Julie Foudy Sports Leadership Academy. The scholarship is open to service members (including Active, Reserve and Veterans). Application materials go up on their website (www.foudyleadershipfoundation.org) in January.

Government Travel Card

By managing Government Travel Cards, SCANG members can help the unit earn up to of \$25,000 per quarter for the base operating fund.

Lt. Col. Ben Lovejoy, commander of the 169th Comptroller Flight, said by completing accrual vouchers for extended TDYs, turning in final travel vouchers as quickly as possible, and checking the statement will ensure there is no outstanding balance. Check statements and/or balances by accessing accounts on line at: <https://home.cards.citidirect.com/CommercialCard/Cards.html>

Lovejoy said, "Everyone doing his or her part will ensure we start earning these extra funds very soon."

Remember, only use the card for government travel only.

Motorcycle training

Motorcycle safety training classes will be held on the following dates: Basic Rider Course I Jan. 29 -30 (a two- day class) and Basic Rider Course II Feb. 26 and March 26.

To sign up for either class, contact Lee Shepherd with the 169th Fighter Wing Safety Office at 647-8218 or by e-mail at lee.shepherd@ang.af.mil. Motorcycle Safety Foundation training courses are free and might result in lower insurance rates. Operators who ride while in a military status are required to complete a MSF course.

Prepared for a disaster?

The Department of Homeland Security created a guide to help everyone prepare for all types of hazards. The program is called the Ready Campaign, and it seeks to help Americans prepare for all types of hazards and unlikely emergency scenarios. Anyone can go to the Department of Homeland Security's web site, www.ready.gov, or call 1-800-BE-READY for printed material. The guide helps families make emergency plans and checklists, create disaster supply kits, and learn many other important facts.



Soldier Support Center

The SCARNG Training Center at Camp McCrady now has a Soldier Support Center and is a new site for updating DEERS and making CAC cards and dependent ID cards for all Soldiers and Airmen, retirees and their eligible dependents. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., as well as most weekends throughout the year. Coordination must be made ahead of time if anyone plans to get an ID or CAC card made on a weekend.

Appointments are preferred and can be made by calling Staff Sergeants Carlton Walker, 806-2035; Sheila Thompson, 806-1766; Shawna Collier, 806-2154; or Master Sgt. Patrick Jones, 806-2292. Walk-ins are accepted. It is best if customers call ahead of time to ensure they have all required documentation. The center is located on Golden Lion Road in the brown building to the left of Range Operations.

Job Openings

Student Flight Coordinator positions open in the 169th FSS. Candidates must be in the rank of SSgt. or TSgt. with any AFSC. Submit a package consisting of a letter of intent, resume and a RIP to Capt. Heather Leite by Mar. 6th. Contact Capt. Leite at heather.leite@ang.af.mil or (803) 647-8075 or (803) 206-3241 (cell).

Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive held in the canteen

April 3
June 5
August 7
October 1

Education Fair presents opportunities for Guard members

The SCANG Family Programs Office held a one-day education fair for Army and Air National Guard members and their families during January drill. The education fair brought representatives from several colleges. Veterans Affairs representatives gave a brief on Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits.

SSgt. Jeremy Hunt, with 169th Security Forces Squadron, said, "The USC representative was very helpful, she pointed me in the right direction about the MBA programs offered as evening classes."

Some of the other groups and schools represented were Troops to Teachers, ITT Tech, University of Phoenix, American Military University and Liberty University.

Terry DeLille, family programs manager, said the idea was born after she and Diana Williams, wife of 169th Fighter Wing

Commander Brig. Gen. Scott Williams, returned from a volunteer conference in New Orleans in August.

DeLille said she was pleased with the turnout for the event.

A1C Genise Dopson, with the 169th Security Forces Squadron and a student at the University of South Carolina, stopped by the get information on various graduate school programs. She said she was looking at school options and was thankful the event was held on base.



(Photos by Tech. Sgt. Caycee Cook, 169FW/PA)

SSgt. Jeremy Hunt and SSgt. Larry Kendrick visit the USC table at the education fair.

USO brings coffee, doughnuts, and information



Left: TSgt. Michael Matthews and his daughter, Sumter, visit the USO RV after going to the education fair. Right: Several SCANG members take a quick break inside the warm USO RV.



Maj.Gen. Stanhope Spears, the Adjutant General of the South Carolina National Guard, presents the Legion of Merit to Brig.Gen. James Chow, the Assistant ACC Surgeon General Jan. 8, 2011

Chow was awarded the Legion of Merit for his work as the Air National Guard Assistant to the Command Surgeon, Air Combat Command, Langley AFB V.A. He worked with the Command Surgeon on medical strategies, doctrine, concepts, tactics and procedures for medical air power employment.

(Photos by MSgt. Marvin Preston, 169FW/PA)

SCANG recognizes historic milestones

African Americans have played an integral role in our country's history and our military. The first celebration to commemorate the contribution to the nation made by people of African descent occurred Feb. 12, 1926. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, known as the Father of Black History, organized the first annual Negro History Week in 1926 for the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Since 1976, every president has officially designated February as Black History Month.

As members of the SCANG, we recognize and celebrate the contributions of African Americans. For decades, the SCANG has hosted important figures such as Lt. Gen. Daniel James, former Director Air National Guard (and the first African American to hold that post); Maj. Gen. Richard C. Alexander, Appointed Ohio Adjutant General in December 1987; Congressman James E. Clyburn, serving South Carolina's sixth district and elected Majority Whip for 110th Congress in 2006 (making him the first South Carolinian and the second African American to ascend to the third ranking position in the House of Representatives); as well as many other local and national dignitaries. Many of these speakers emphasize the contributions of groups and individuals before us.

Lt. Col. Rita Whitmire, 169th Security Forces Squadron Commander, and the first African American female to reach the rank of lieutenant colonel here stated in last February's SCANG News Commander's Corner: "I and many others in my generation and beyond have access to enormous opportunities. This is due in large part to the shoulders of the giants on whom we stand." As a Unit we stand on the shoulders of our very own SCANG members. For example, John Clifton Watson was the first African American to serve in the SCANG. Col. Claude J. Eichelberger became the first African American commissioned officer in the SCANG, Maj. J. 'Taj'

Troy the first SCANG African American fighter pilot, Mary was the only African American female to obtain the rank of Chief Master Sergeant, CMSgt. Jerry Foster the first African American promoted to E-8 and E-9, (then be appointed as the 7th State Command Chief Master Sergeant), CMSgt. Leonard Belk the first African American to hold the position of Command Chief for the 169th Fighter Wing and SSgt. Marcheita

Graham the first African American female certified as an air traffic controller at McEntire.

For the month of February, we recognize the African American trail blazers past and present. We appreciate the struggles that have been endured so our road might not be as difficult.

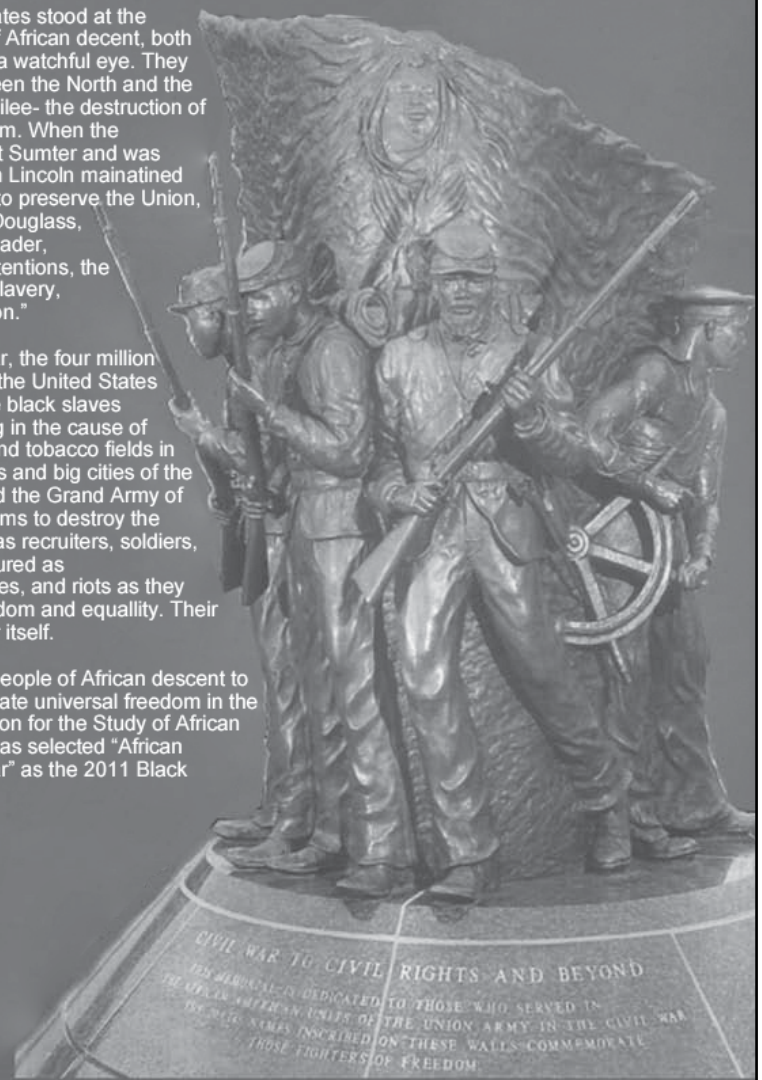
(Commentary by CMSgt. Joseph Brunson
HQSCANG/JFHQ)

African Americans and the Civil War: Civil War to Civil Rights and Beyond

In 1861, as the United States stood at the brink of Civil War, people of African descent, both slave and free, waited with a watchful eye. They understood that a war between the North and the South might bring about jubilee- the destruction of slavery and universal freedom. When the Confederacy fired upon Fort Sumter and war ensued, President Abraham Lincoln maintained that paramount cause was to preserve the Union, not end slavery. Frederick Douglass, the most prominent black leader, opined that regardless of intentions, the war would bring an end to slavery, America's "peculiar institution."

Over the course of the war, the four million people of African descent in the United States proved Douglass right. Free black slaves rallied around the Union flag in the cause of freedom. From the cotton and tobacco fields in the South to the small towns and big cities of the North, nearly 200,000 joined the Grand Army of the Republic and took up arms to destroy the Confederacy. They served as recruiters, soldiers, nurses, and spies, and endured as unequal treatment, massacres, and riots as they pursued their quest for freedom and equality. Their record of service speaks for itself.

In honor of the efforts of people of African descent to destroy slavery and inaugurate universal freedom in the United States, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History has selected "African Americans and the Civil War" as the 2011 Black History Theme.



Vietnam-era Airmen soon wraps up SCANG career

SMSGt. Richard Callihan, an F-16 avionics flight line superintendent, ends his military career this November after nearly 40 years he first enlisted during the Vietnam War and is one of the few remaining Vietnam era Airmen in the SCANG.

The son of a Navy man, Callihan says he lived all over the world and it instilled in him the love of traveling. That love is evident around his McEntire office with framed photographs from Thailand to Iraq. Photography is his other love and whenever Callihan travels his camera is right there with him. Those framed snapshots are not only a record of his Air National Guard career, but a record of the most significant Air Force operations of the past half century, and Callihan and his camera have been capturing it all.

"I've always had an interest in photography, but going on all these deployments kicked it off," Callihan said. "I bought my first camera when I was in the third or fourth grade."

Callihan first enlisted in the Air Force in 1970 after receiving his draft number and began his career working on A-7 avionics at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base. After four years and a six-month deployment to Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, Callihan left the service.

"I would love to go back to Thailand," he said. He loved to visit local temples and taking photographs of the Buddhist statues.

After moving to Columbia and a break in service, Callihan heard about the SCANG from a member. Callihan said at the time the 169th was flying the A-7 and it was a natural fit. So in 1978, he became a Swamp Fox.

"A-7s were highly accurate for that day and age," Callihan said.

Since joining the SCANG, he has traveled all over the world, including Denmark, Norway, Qatar, Iraq and Okinawa. "I've enjoyed all the TDYs and I have worked with some great people," Callihan said.

Today, he enjoys photographing scenic vistas and animals. In 2009, Callihan had a chance to travel to a photographer's paradise of Alaska when the SCANG participated in Red Flag. He said he loved the Yukon's Denali.

While flying home from one of his many TDY tours, one of the F-16s experienced a mechanical problem and had to land. The repair required ground support for an extended period. Callihan volunteered to stay behind, and that gave him the chance

to tour the small Pacific island of Iwo Jima where he hiked to the top of Mount Surbachi, the site of one of the most iconic photographs of World War II.

"I can understand why the Americans had a devil of a time taking the island," he said of the steep inclines and tough terrain.

Callihan said once he retires he also plans to again become involved with the Boy Scouts. He was an avid Scout when growing up and his son, Shawn, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He volunteered during Shawn's time in the Boy Scouts and even brought his troop to McEntire for their service projects.

While deployed during Desert Storm, he developed another hobby – running. While

at Al Kharj Air Base in Saudi Arabia he took part in his first 10k run and since has run in a number of local 10k races. It's something he'd like to do more of once he retires in November.

It only seems fitting for the veteran of Operation Desert Storm that his last deployment was to Balad Air Base, Iraq in 2010 as the SCANG took part of the closure of Operation Iraqi Freedom and ushered in New Dawn.

"It was a good TDY," Callihan said.

And yes there are photos of that deployment too.

(Photo and Story by TSgt. Stephen Hudson169FW/PA)



Name: SMSGt. Richard Callihan

Job: F-16 avionics flight line superintendent

Married to Kayla Callihan. Two children, Shawn and Stacy and four grandchildren.

Favorite hobbies: photography, running. Joined the SCANG: 1978

Retires: Nov. 24, 2011

Swamp Fox shows NATO how it's done

Capt. Mark Foster of the 169th Civil Engineering Squadron, who is currently deployed to HQ ISAF (International Security Assistance Forces), and counting down the days to be reunited with his family. But in the meanwhile, he is working as a staff officer, helping to develop infrastructure projects for NATO facilities across Afghanistan. His father, Col. (ret.) Walter N. "Dugan" Foster said "Mark took some wooden posts that I brought home and decided to build a bridge over a creek." This was just the beginning of his CE career.

His current living conditions probably require more than those wooden posts. Most people work and live in shipping containers (CONEX's) that are stacked and bolted together to make buildings. There is even one built for the purpose of a gymnasium.

Another major adjustment for Foster is the weather. While South Carolina is thawing out from the recent snow and ice, Foster states, "It's very dry here and hasn't rained in over three months. And when it does reach cooler temperatures, the Afghans will cook and heat their homes with anything that will burn (tires, plastics, trash); therefore the air quality is very poor."

Foster attended Combat Airman Skills Training at Fort Dix, NJ in September and arrived in Kabul in October. It took four days to arrive there from Norfolk, VA., and he hopes to return in April 2011.

He currently resides in North Carolina with his wife Tina, and their four children, Sarah, David, Rebecca and John. He says, "They send packages with items hard to find here, but the best part is getting photos and drawings from my children, while moral calls and Skype keep me in touch with them regularly."



(courtesy photo from Capt. Mark Foster)

Gen. David Petraeus, commander ISAF meets with Capt. Mark Foster.

When given the time, he enjoys golfing, fishing and going to the beach. His father said, "He's actually a pretty good golfer, and a real good kid."

Foster said, "I really have enjoyed working with our NATO partners, and getting to know the culture and traditions of other nations, which is a unique experience that I will always cherish."

(Story by MSgt. Pelham Myers, 169th FW/PA)

Snow causes McEntire to de-ice 'de planes'

Swamp Fox maintenance saves the day. The wintery mix that blanketed South Carolina Jan. 9-10 also left a layer of snow and ice on the F-16s here. This wouldn't have been a big deal except for the fact McEntire's pilots were scheduled to do a fly-over for the Governor's Inauguration Jan. 12.

MSgt. Martina Borg, 169th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said "Jets just can't fly with all the weight from the ice on them, and it's a FOD hazard. We don't typically have ice around here, so we don't have de-icers. We had to use large heaters and many personnel to get the job done quickly."

SSgt. Randy Greene, 169th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, said "We had to get all the ice off because it would change the

performance of the F-16. We don't want to put our pilots in a bad situation."

A1C. Ryan Jones, also with the 169th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was finishing up the basic preflight checks while Greene was getting the ice off the F-16. "This was a new experience for me, the first time I had to deal with de-icing a plane," said Jones.

Borg added "Another obstacle we had to overcome was moving the planes around. We couldn't start up the planes where there were loose chunks of ice on the ground after it fell off the planes. But everyone pulled together and worked really hard to accomplish the mission, and the new governor got a fly-over."

(Photos and story by Staff Sgt. Tracci Dorgan 169FW/PA)



Left: SSgt. Randy Greene and Right: SMSgt. Barry Boyle remove ice from F-16s before a flight Jan. 12.

New TAG shares his command philosophy

New Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Robert Livingston, recently shared his command philosophy with the members of the South Carolina National Guard.

He states: "The SCNG exists to serve the people of this great state and the United States. Our traditions and lineage define our current place in history. We need to honor our heritage and strive to create our own legacy. The strength of any organization lies in its people.

The Vision of the SCNG is "Community-Based, Relevant, Ready... to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.

Family (personal and military) is very important to the success of our troops. Take care of any problems early, help each other.

Adhere to the Air Force Values and speak of them often: Service before self; Integrity first; Excellence in all we do. Live by the Warrior Ethos: Always place your mission first; Never accept defeat;

Never quit; Never leave a fallen comrade.

No matter what position you hold, you are important. Your decisions influence the lives of those around you. The SCNG is made of leaders. These leaders are to influence others to accomplish the mission by providing purpose, direction, and motivation.

I am honored to serve in the best National Guard and in the best military in the world. We have a lot of challenges ahead, but we have the people who will make these challenges the basis of our future greatness. I follow a succession of great Adjutants General who have made the National Guard what it is today. Together we will continue, and expand, on the traditions of the SCNG while we serve the people of South Carolina and the United States."

For the complete Command Philosophy Memorandum, visit the SCANG portal.



(Photos by Master Sgt. Phillip Jones, JFHQ-PA)



(Top Left) Maj. Gen. Robert Livingston accepting the South Carolina state flag from Governor Nikki Haley during the Change of Command ceremony held at the Carolina Coliseum Jan. 9. Maj. Gen. Stanhope Spears relinquished his command by giving the state flag to Haley. (Top Right) Livingston addresses the members of his new command. (Below) Select members from the Army Guard and Air Guard stood in formation to show their support of the new TAG and to say good-bye to Spears.

(Photos by SSgt. Jorge Intriago 169FW/PA)



Retiree Corner

Robert (Bob) Barkalow, Jr. MSgt. (Retired)

We had about 55 folks at our January breakfast, with no first timers or guests, but after reading my December article I failed to mention guests and first timers from that outing. Carolyn Johnson, wife of John Johnson, paid us a visit, and I believe she enjoyed seeing folks she hadn't seen in years.

At our January breakfast we held a short informal Memorial Service for our folks who went on their final flight in 2010 that we know of, since we don't always get all the information we should at times. They were William W. Watson, Jr., Pete Palmer, James C. McMillian, James L. Warren, Gerald W. Stoudemayer, and Malcolm R. Rast, Jr.

McEntire History: Firsts for the month of February; in 1959 we had our first General. Bernie B. McEntire, Brigadier General, and in 1960, SCANG was the first in the nation to receive a Mach 2 fighter, the F-104 Starfighter. I want to recognize the deployment made in January 2000, Northern Watch, which comprised of several units, the 169th, the 240th, and the 245th. There was a subsequent deployment in February of 2002 (Operation Enduring Freedom) of about 200 folks to Qatar, mostly 169th folks. These type of deployments are becoming the "new wave" of deployments instead of "all hands" deployments of old, or massive deployments which left just a skeleton crew back at McEntire. But as far as the people who are deploying, and families, they are deployments. Some of the "mini" deployments may be just one person or one

section sometimes, which is hard for me to recognize these deployments per se. I hope everyone can understand this. The 3rd Group of 1999 retirees are: Lt. Col.'s Lawrence K. Ray, and John V. Harsey. CMSgt.'s David S. Lever, Jr., and Thomas J. Brock. SMSgt.'s James R. Bolin, Robert E. Hartsell, and Marshall E. Motley, Jr. MSgt.'s Otis W. Troutman, Jerry L. Williams, and John D. Mattox. TSgt.'s Michael E. Mixon, James D. Turner, and Richard D. Moseley, Jr., and SSgt. Anastasios Tom Vaselopoulos.

I am still advertising our pending trip to Washington D.C., the first week of June. It is primarily military oriented by stopping by and viewing the many museums and

memorials en route and at Washington. If you have not been to Washington in a number of years, and have some hankering to do this, this is the time, leave the driving to Capitol Tours, have an assigned hotel, and some planned meals at nice restaurants, etc. The cost for a double is \$545.00 per person, but you get four days of travel by bus, admissions, and perhaps some tours that you could never get on your own. Let know if you are interested by e-mail, rbarkalow@sc.rr.com, or call 803-936-0680 and I can send you an itinerary and registration form.

Our next breakfast is Tuesday, Feb. 1 at the Fort Jackson NCO Club at 8:30 a.m.

SCANG Retirees present. . .

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A1C. Nicholas Novick, 169 AMXS
A1C. Dana Truesdale, 157 FS
A1C. Kaitlyn Whitney, 169 AMXS
Amn. Dylan Slater, 169 AMXS

Enlisted Promotions

Chief Master Sergeant

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Master Sergeant

Danny Cross AMXS/ Det 2

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Shane Broome AMXS/ Det 2

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Government Travel Card Q&A's

The 169th Fighter Wing's Government Travel Card Agency Program Coordinators MSgt. Jonathan Richardson and TSgt. Celestine Ardis, share the following FAQs regarding GTCs and their use. For more details e-mail or call Richardson (x-8679) or Ardis (x-8219).

Q: For what type of official business travel expenses can I use my travel card?

A: When on official Government business travel, the travel card should be used for all official business travel expenses from vendors that accept the travel card. Examples are lodging, meals and transportation such as rental cars. The travel charge card is electronically coded to be rejected at merchant locations that have been determined as not

necessary for conducting official business travel.

Q: When should I turn in my travel reimbursement voucher?

A: Cardholders should complete a travel reimbursement voucher within five days after the end of the trip.

Q: How long do I have before I have to pay my travel card bill?

A: You will be billed by the bank every 30 days if you have charges. The cardholder must pay all undisputed charges directly to the bank in full by the billing due date as printed on the billing statement. If you have no outstanding transactions at the billing cycle date, you will not receive a billing statement.

(by Lt. Col. Benjamin Lovejoy, 169 CPTF/CC)

Staff Sergeant

Benjamin Miner MXS/ Det 2

Phillip Eckels MXS/ Det 2

Justin Estes, 169th FW

Senior Airmen

Brandon Alexander AMXS/ Det 2

Tony Goodwin, 169th MXS

Officer Promotions

Lieutenant Colonel

James St. Clair, HQSCANG

Major

Walter Hummel, 245th ATCS

Retirements

MSgt. David Dabney

23 years

MSgt. Daniel Kaylor

26 years

MSgt. James Rooney

25 years

MSgt. John Giannetto

20 years

MSgt. Jacob Eargle

30 years

Base Training

Airman Leadership School
(class start dates -- five-week duration)
(56 seats for ANG members)

2011

TBA

Noncommissioned Officers Academy
(class start dates -- six-week duration)
(75 seats for ANG members)

PME Schedule

MCGHEE TYSON ALS

21 Feb 11 - 24 Mar 11

11 Apr 11 - 12 May 11

27 Jun 11 - 28 Jul 11

15 Aug 11 - 15 Sep 11

27 Sep 11 - 28 Oct 11

MCGHEE TYSON NCOA

21 Feb 11 - 30 Mar 11

11 Apr 11 - 18 May 11

27 Jun 11 - 3 Aug 11

15 Aug 11 - 21 Sep 11

27 Sep 11 - 3 Nov 11

TESTING SCHEDULE

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.

Drill Sundays, 12:30 p.m.

Report for testing no later than 15 minutes before the test. Members testing on CDCs required for upgrade training must bring their AFIADL 9 course card with the following items documented:

Date review training began

Date due completion

Date review training ended

Supervisor's signature

Trainee's signature

Members without the card and required information are not allowed to test. For more information, contact a unit training manager.

SCANG Schedule

2011 -- UCI (Feb. UTA)

2011 Top Gun Drill Meet
April 16

REFLECTIONS

The longer I live, I become more convinced the most important thing in life is relationships. Everything else is secondary, jobs, finances, and even inspections. Sometimes work competes for time with family and friends, making quality time a tough thing to manage. During this month, we honor the romantic relationship between spouses, significant other or friends. This is something we need to practice more than once a year. Showing love to special people in our lives is healthy to do on a regular basis. It is a gift that never gets old. The bible says love is the greatest gift of all. (1 Cor. 13) When we demonstrate love by giving gifts, time, and acts of service consistently – it builds stronger relationships, the most important thing in life.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Sturgeon



Worship Schedule Saturday

Maintenance (hangar) & SFS after roll call

Sunday

8 - 8:30 a.m. - "Chapel Now" (WG HQ auditorium)

10:30-10:55 a.m. - "Chapel Next" (Dining Facility)

1:30-2 p.m. - Catholic Mass

in the LRS conference room (Father Travis)

What's for Lunch?

Saturday

Salisbury Steaks, Baked Chicken,
Oven Brown Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes,
Gravy, Cabbage, Cauliflower

Snack Line

Grilled Chicken, Fries

Sunday

Ham, Baked or Fried Fish, Macaroni &
Cheese, Hoppin' John, Mustard Greens,
Fried Okra

Snack Line

Buffalo Wings, Fries

100% ID CHECK No Exceptions

The Dining Facility is open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Everyone using the facility must present a valid ID card.

Top Achievers

AETC Commanders Award

A1C. Matthew Tatum

169th CES

Fire Fighter Apprentice Course

Swamp Fox Litter

Arianna Nichole Samuel

Dec. 21, 2010

Proud parents are SrA. Henry and Shavonne
Samuel

Katie Jean Terzulli

Jan. 3, 2011

Proud parents are TSgt. Damon and Dawn
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